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April 3, 2009

The Honorable David Obey, Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill, Department of Justice, Cops Technology Program account for the Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Auburn, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, Washington 98001. It is my understanding that the funding would be used for the development of a regional fiber optic ring that would connect the cities, support public safety, and enhance interagency communications, law enforcement capabilities, and emergency response. The development of a fiber ring between these cities, including the Valley Communications 911 center, would provide the infrastructure to support interagency communications.

I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the pecuniary interests of my spouse or me.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my official congressional website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

  
DAVE REICHERT  
Member of Congress



## **OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)**

### **PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION**

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

**PROJECT NAME:** Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network

**NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING:** Peter B. Lewis

**TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING:** Mayor, City of Auburn, WA

**LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST:** City of Auburn on behalf of the Valley Cities

**LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST:** 25 W Main St, Auburn WA 98001

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

3/23/09



## **OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)**

### **CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION**

*In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.*

*Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.*

I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME:

Valley Broadband

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT:

April 2, 2009

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING:

Daniel B. Heid

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING:

Auburn City Attorney

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST:

City of Auburn

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST:

25 West Main Auburn WA

SIGNATURE:

[Signature]

DATE:

4/2/09 98001

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER:

SIGNATURE:

[Signature]

DATE:

4.2.09

March 23, 2009

The Honorable Dave Reichert  
1223 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Reichert:

On behalf of the Valley Cities of Algona, Auburn, Fife, Federal Way, Kent, Pacific, Puyallup, Renton, Sumner and Tukwila, we are respectfully requesting an appropriation of \$3 million to expand regional broadband communications for public safety use.

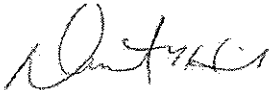
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Seven of the Valley Cities are supported by Valley Communications 911 center. As part of a technology upgrade to begin in 2009, 911 communications to the public safety community will be changed from radio based to IP based. This will require wired (fiber) communications from Valley Communications to the agencies and wireless communications from the agencies to mobile computers in vehicles. The development of a fiber ring between cities and including Valley Communications 911 center will provide the infrastructure to support interagency communications. Additional wireless access devices will support communications in the field, keeping our officers on the street with the tools they need to be effective.

While the cities of Sumner, Puyallup and Fife will not directly benefit from the Valley Communications 911 center connectivity, their inclusion will provide regional benefit in support of communications between public safety entities during mutual aid and disaster response.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

CITY OF ALGONA



David Hill, Mayor

CITY OF AUBURN



Peter B. Lewis, Mayor

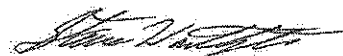
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CITY OF FEDERAL WAY




Jack Dovey, Mayor

CITY OF FIFE



Steve Worthington, City Manager

CITY OF KENT



Suzette Cooke, Mayor

CITY OF PACIFIC



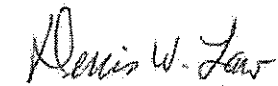
Richard Hildreth, Mayor

CITY OF PUYALLUP



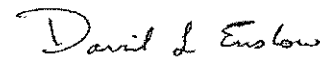
Gary N. McLean, City Manager

CITY OF RENTON



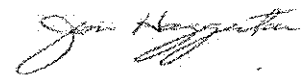
Denis W. Law, Mayor

CITY OF SUMNER

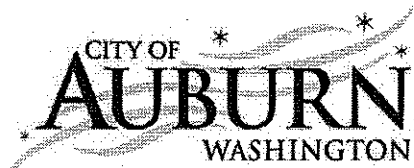


David Enslow, Mayor

CITY OF TUKWILA



Jim Haggerton, Mayor



**Peter B. Lewis, Mayor**

25 West Main Street \* Auburn WA 98001-4998 \* [www.auburnwa.gov](http://www.auburnwa.gov) \* 253-931-3000

**Statement of  
The Honorable Peter M. Lewis  
Mayor, City of Auburn, WA  
Before the  
House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science  
US House of Representatives**

**March 27, 2009**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement in support of the FY 2010 Appropriations request for the Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network. On behalf of the cities of Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Pacific, Renton and Tukwila in Washington State, we appreciate the opportunity to discuss the project.

The Valley cities respectfully request an appropriation of \$3 million through the Department of Justice, COPS Technology program to expand regional broadband communications for public safety uses to upgrade and improve connection between the cities emergency services. As communities providing essential services to our residents, we are aware of the financial challenges we face, but we are pleased to be partners in this endeavor and have committed approximately 25 percent of the total budget to complete this project. The project will provide 65 direct family wage jobs in the design and construction of this project and maintenance and operations of this fiber network will provide indirect jobs with regional vendors who will provide support for the network.

Currently, the Valley cities employ more than 85,000 people and have a population of over 275,000. As the region grows, it is critical to maintain effective tools for law enforcement in their efforts to keep the community safe. A safe community is a cornerstone to economic viability. Five of these agencies own the Valley Communications 911 center, Auburn, Federal

Way, Renton, Kent and Tukwila, and two other agencies, Algona and Pacific, are provided services from that center. Seven of the Valley Cities are supported by Valley Communications 911 center.

As part of a technology upgrade to begin in 2009, 911 communications to the public safety community will be changed from radio based to IP based. This will require wired (fiber) communications from Valley Communications to the agencies and wireless communications from the agencies to mobile computers in vehicles. The development of a fiber ring between cities and the Valley Communications 911 center will provide the infrastructure to support interagency communications. Additional wireless access devices will support communications in the field, providing our officers on the street with the tools they need to be effective and provide regional benefit supporting communications between public safety entities during mutual aid and disaster response. In addition, the devices will allow for future connectivity between regional 911 centers such as LESA in Tacoma and NorComm in the Northeast King County area.

On behalf of the Valley Cities, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to lay out the benefits of the project to the Valley Region, and thank the City's hometown Congressman Dave Reichert and the Washington Congressional Delegation for their support of this project and of the city's federal efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Lewis', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Peter B. Lewis, Mayor of Auburn

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009

## **Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network Cost Estimate**

### **Construction Budget Estimate**

Segment A: Backbone	\$750,000
Segment B: Valley Communications	\$200,000
Segment C: Auburn City Hall	\$50,000
Segment D: Federal Way City Hall	\$500,000
Segment E: Kent City Hall	\$50,000
Segment F: Tukwila City Hall	\$50,000
Segment G: Renton City Hall	\$50,000
Segment H: Puget Sound Access	\$50,000
Segment I: Algona	\$90,000
Segment J: Pacific	\$90,000
Segment K: Auburn M&O Facility to Ellingson	\$200,000
Total of estimates	<u>\$2,080,000</u>

### **Project Management & Design Budget Estimate**

Consultant design engineering	\$470,000
Consultant project management	\$450,000
Total of estimates	<u>\$920,000</u>

### **Estimated Total Project Cost**

\$3,000,000

# FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

## REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Organization making request:</b> City of Auburn		<b>Federal Tax Status:</b> Municipal Corporation
<b>Address:</b> 25 West Main Street		
<b>City:</b> Auburn	<b>State:</b> WA	<b>ZIP Code:</b> 98001
<b>Point of Contact(POC):</b> Carolyn Robertson, Government Relations Manager		
<b>Phone:</b> 253-931-3096		<b>Email:</b> crobertson@auburnwa.gov
<b>Address:</b> 25 West Main Street		
<b>City:</b> Auburn	<b>State:</b> WA	<b>ZIP Code:</b> 98001
<b>DC Representation (if any):</b> Glynda Becker, Executive Vice-President, McBee Strategic Consulting//Kristen Michal, Washington 2 Advocates		
<b>Phone:</b> 202-234-1224//425-467-6900		<b>Email:</b> gbecker@mcbeestrategic.com// Kristen.Michal@washington2advocates.com
<b>Address:</b> 601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 800 N Building//10900 NE 8th Street, Suite 1520		
<b>City:</b> Washington//Bellevue	<b>State:</b> DC//WA	<b>ZIP Code:</b> 20004//98004

### PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

**PROJECT TITLE:** Valley Cities Public Safety Regional Broadband Network

**Prioritized:** 2 of 2 total requests for your organization

**Appropriations Bill: (Please check)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce, Justice, Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Defense
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy and Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Interior and Environment	
<input type="checkbox"/> State, Foreign Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education	
<input type="checkbox"/> Military Construction, Veterans' Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Housing and Urban Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Branch		

**Agency/Bureau** (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): Department of Justice

**Account** (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc): Cops Technology Program

**Amount requested for FY2010:** \$ 3 million

**Total cost of project:** \$ 4.15 million

**Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project:** \$ 3 million

**Is this program authorized?** ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, bill number: Year:

**Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request?** ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, amount: \$

**Anticipated total future requests:** None if funded. Over the next    years

**Local, state and/or private funding sources:** Cities of Auburn, Renton & Kent

**Total Amount:** \$1,051,277 In previous 5 years

**Other sources of Federal funding:** Cops Technology Grant

**Total Amount:** \$ 97,723 in 2006 Over the next 0 years

**Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager:** NA

**Office:**

**Phone Number:**

**Other agency advocate (if any):**

**Office:**

**Phone Number:**

**Are you requesting this through any other office(s):** Yes

If yes, which office(s): Congressman Adam Smith; Senator Maria Cantwell

**PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)**

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT
FY 2007	\$0	Valley Cities Public Safety Wireless Regional Broadband Network	\$98,723	FY 2007 Commerce Justice and Science	Department of Justice, Cops Technology Program

**Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):**

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

The Valley Cities completed a regional broadband network study in 2007 that recommended the development of a regional fiber optic ring that would connect the Cities, support public safety, and enhance interagency communications, law enforcement capabilities, and emergency response. Seven of the Valley Cities are supported by the Valley Communications 911 center. The development of a fiber ring between these cities, including the Valley Communications 911 center, provides the infrastructure to support interagency communications. Additional wireless access devices will support communications in the field.

This project also supports communications between public safety entities during mutual aid and disaster response, and will allow for future connectivity between regional 911 centers such as LESA in Tacoma and NorComm in the Northeast King County area.

A number of needs for different constituent groups can be fulfilled simultaneously with broadband service and infrastructure expansion through a combination of wired and wireless infrastructure. Not only will this project meet public safety needs, it will also address the growing need for reliable internet services for the unserved and underserved.

**Justification of funding:**

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District?

The Cops Technology grant program provides funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. As part of a technology upgrade to begin in 2009, 911 communications for the law enforcement capabilities and public safety community will be changed from radio to IP-based. This will require wired (fiber) communications between the Valley Communications 911 Center and public safety agencies, as well as wireless communications between agencies and mobile computers installed in law enforcement vehicles.

The project will provide 65 direct family wage jobs in the design and construction of this project. In addition, maintenance and operations of this fiber network will provide indirect jobs with regional vendors who will provide the support of the network.

**Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):**

NA

**Is there any other relevant information regarding this request that you would like to share?**

The cities of the Valley, from Puyallup to Tukwila, account for more than 65 percent of all industrial, distribution and warehousing in the Puget Sound Region. Combined they are known as the Green River Valley Distribution Hub, an important and highly effective economic engine for the Puget Sound Region and the entire state of Washington. Currently, the Valley cities employ more than 85,000 people and have a population of over 300,000. There are more than 12,400 acres of industrial lands, 164 miles of truck routes and 8,432 acres of commercial land in this economic region.

As the region grows, it is critical to maintain effective tools for law enforcement in their efforts to keep the community safe. The Auburn, Renton, Kent and Tukwila agencies own the Valley Communications 911 center, which also provides services to the Alcona and Pacific agencies. The requested funding will streamline their communications and provide opportunities for communications in mutual aid or disaster response situations throughout the nine Valley Cities. In addition, City of Auburn provides Public Safety Records Management services for the Cities of Alcona and Pacific. The secure fiber network between these nine agencies will allow the cities to have high speed communications and meet the ever expanding Criminal Justice Information Security (CJIS) requirements that mandate the securing and encryption of these data networks.

**CONTINUE FOR DEFENSE REQUEST ONLY:**

What is the name and number of the Program Officer for this request?

Have you contacted the Program Officer?

Appropriations Account: (Please check)

☐ RDT&E    ☐ Procurement    ☐ O&M    ☐ Counter Drugs    ☐ Medical  
☐ Reserve Equipment    ☐ National Guard Equipment    ☐ Other (DW, for example)

Service: (Please check)

☐ Army    ☐ Army Reserve    ☐ Navy    ☐ Navy Reserve    ☐ Marine Corps    ☐ Marine Corps Reserve  
☐ Air Force    ☐ Air Force Reserve    ☐ Intelligence    ☐ Army Guard    ☐ Air National Guard

Line Item Title:

Identification:

R-1/PE # \_\_\_\_\_ P-1/Line # \_\_\_\_\_ TIARA/JMIP (Intel Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-Activity Group (required for Personnel and O&M):

## Valley Cities Regional Broadband Network Auburn, WA

### **Request**

On behalf of the cities of Sumner, Puyallup, Algonia, Pacific, Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, Federal Way and Renton, the City of Auburn respectfully requests that \$3 million be included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill, Department of Justice, COPS Technology Account, to expand regional broadband- communications for law enforcement and public safety use.

### **Project Description**

Install a fiber optic communications network to interconnect all of the Valley Cities to enhance interagency law enforcement capabilities communications and emergency response and support further expansion of wireless broadband.

### **Project Background**

The Valley Cities completed a regional broadband network study in 2007. This study resulted in a recommendation to focus regional broadband development efforts on law enforcement and public safety by developing a regional fiber optic ring to interconnect all the Cities, enhancing interagency communications and emergency response.

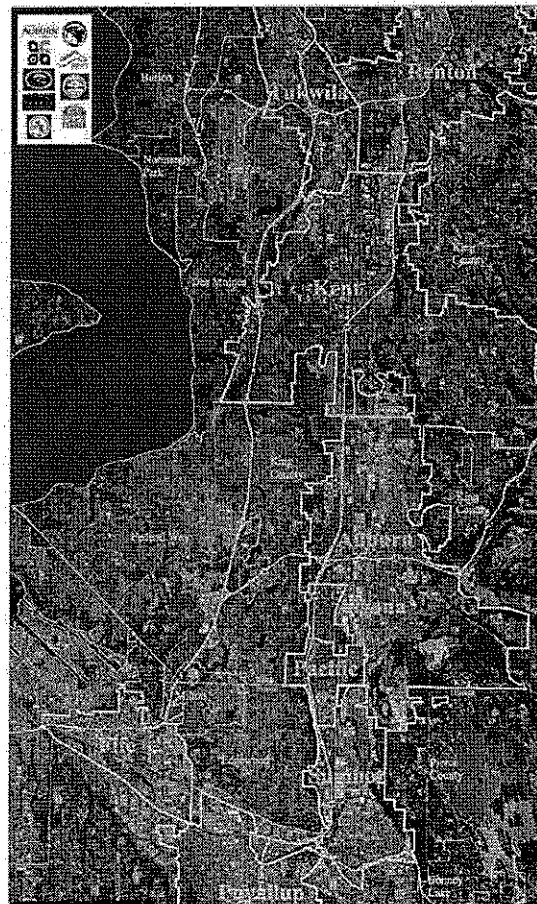
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While the cities of Sumner and Puyallup will not directly benefit from the Valley Communications 911 center connectivity, their inclusion will provide regional benefit in support of communications between public safety entities during mutual aid and disaster response.

### **Benefits of the Project**

The benefits of the project include:

- ❖ Advanced communications interoperability,
- ❖ Enhanced information sharing,
- ❖ Shared crime analysis and intelligence gathering,
- ❖ Support of regional crime prevention efforts,
- ❖ Enhanced communications between agencies during mutual aid and disaster response,
- ❖ Enhanced communications in the field which keeps officers in the community.
- ❖ Provides 65 new family wage jobs in the Valley Cities.



### **City of Auburn Contact**

Pete Lewis, Mayor, City of Auburn - 253.931.3041 – [plewis@auburnwa.gov](mailto:plewis@auburnwa.gov)

Carolyn Robertson, Government Relations Manager – 253.931.3096 – [crobertson@auburnwa.gov](mailto:crobertson@auburnwa.gov)